

and Episcopal High School. He was on the vestry at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, belonged to and at one time served as president of the Salem Rotary, and served on the Roanoke County Planning Commission.

Mr. Waldrop was preceded in death by his first wife, Harriett, his second wife, Anne "Dickie" Dickson Jordon Waldrop, and grandson Adam Thomas Waldrop. He is survived by children Kathryn Kerkering (Tom), Caroline Buckman Haddock, Louis Stephens "Steve" Waldrop Jr., Preston Adam Waldrop (Jamie), Harriett Ann Waldrop, and Laura Doub (Bruce); thirteen grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren. I offer them my condolences on the loss of Luke Waldrop, a member of the Greatest Generation who changed Salem for the better over his many decades in business and in service.

HONORING HOPE REYES LUGO AS  
THE 2020 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Hope Reyes Lugo, whom I have named the 2020 Woman of the Year in Napa County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Born in San Bernardino, California, Ms. Lugo was the oldest of 13 children. At just 24 years old, she moved with her husband and family to Napa, where they settled permanently. Originally finding work on small farms, Lugo picked up extra jobs to support her family, enrolling her children in the community Head Start program with the hope of giving them better lives.

Never one to leave her family's wellbeing in the hands of others, she joined the parent policy council and became a Head Start instructor. Earning the trust and admiration of our community for her advocacy on behalf of farm workers and her poor neighbors, she was later appointed to the Napa County Council for Economic Opportunity (NCCEO) Board of Directors. Graduating to the role of Executive Director in 1970, she served with pride and distinction for 30 years. Throughout her tenure as director, she took on numerous other civic and philanthropic responsibilities, including membership in the Napa Latino Leadership Organization and the President's Commission on the White House Conference for Children and Youth.

Our community and the nation have recognized Ms. Lugo for her leadership numerous times. In 1990, the Department of Health and Human Services bestowed the National Head Start Award on her for providing an exceptional education to her students. Ten years later, the city of Napa further celebrated her impact on children by dedicating the Hope Lugo Child Development Center in her honor. Most recently, in 2014, the Napa County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce awarded her the Building a Legacy Award to Ms. Lugo for near-

ly six decades of distinguished service. Though her accolades are many, Hope takes the greatest pride in being matriarch of a large, devoted family. A caring mother, a dotting grandmother, a cherished great-grandmother, and a teacher in the truest sense of the word, she has intimately shaped the experiences of children across generations.

Madam Speaker, Hope Lugo is a great friend and has dedicated her life to the communities and people she holds dear. It is therefore fitting and proper we honor her here today as Napa County's 2020 Woman of the Year.

MILITARY RETIREE SURVIVOR  
COMFORT ACT

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I reintroduce the "Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act," with Congressman MIKE TURNER (R-OH) as the original cosponsor.

The late Congressman Walter B. Jones, Jr. (R-NC), my dear friend and our beloved colleague, sponsored the "Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act" every Congress since 2002. I am honored to continue his work on this critical, bipartisan legislation to protect military families from completely avoidable bank overdrafts following a veteran's death.

Specifically, the "Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act" would allow the spouse or other designated survivor/beneficiary of a veteran to retain the full retirement benefit paid out in the final month just before or coinciding with the veteran's death. Under current Department of Defense policy, that final month's retirement benefit may be clawed back on a prorated basis if the family fails to immediately notify the Defense Finance and Accounting Services (DFAS) of their veteran's death.

Military families with joint bank accounts, into which retirement payments are deposited electronically, are often unaware that DFAS can claw back overpayments without the account holder's consent. This results in joint bank accounts being drained of funds, subjecting veterans' families to overdraft fees and avoidable financial hardship following a veteran's death.

The "Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act" would finally end this needless and callous DFAS practice for any retirement benefit received in the month for which a veteran was alive for at least 24 hours. Military families grieving the loss of their loved one should not be penalized for an accounting oversight by the Department of Defense.

As chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness, I plan to make the "Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act" a major priority during this year's National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to join me and Congressman TURNER (R-OH) in cosponsoring this bipartisan and commonsense bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF TAMMY  
MACLAY

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tammy MacLay on receiving the Exceptional Dedication Award from the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce.

Tammy is a Clinical Nurse Specialist at WellSpan Chambersburg Hospital, where she has selflessly served patients for more than 33 years. Though her specialty was teaching hospital staff safe practices, she never hesitated transition into work in the Critical Care Unit with COVID-positive patients during the pandemic.

Tammy exhibits true dedication, compassion, and professionalism to the patients at WellSpan Chambersburg Hospital. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th District, I congratulate Tammy on this achievement and thank her for her service to our community.

JESSICA GUTIERREZ QUEZADA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jessica Gutierrez Quezada for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Jessica Gutierrez Quezada is a student at Jefferson Jr./Sr. H.S. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jessica Gutierrez Quezada is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jessica Gutierrez Quezada for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING VIVIAN HIMELICK

**HON. GREG PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Vivian Himelick of Fayette County, Indiana.

Vivian served as the Republican County Chairwoman of Fayette County. She committed her time, talents and energy to the Sixth Congressional District and the rest of the Hoosier state. I am grateful for her service.

Not only is Vivian a successful businesswoman, she is also a fervent leader and volunteer in her community. Vivian is actively engaged in civic and community endeavors,

often the first to volunteer her time and always willing to help at a moment's notice.

Finally, I have gotten to know Vivian over the last four years, and I am grateful for her friendship.

I thank Vivian Himelick.

## INTRODUCTION OF THE OFFICE OF MANUFACTURING & INDUSTRIAL POLICY ACT

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, manufacturing is not just America's legacy; it is our future. To ensure this legacy remains, we need to position domestic manufacturing and the American worker at the center of federal policy.

America's manufacturing and innovation sectors are second to none. When we work together and support America's domestic manufacturing ecosystem, there is nothing in this world we cannot achieve.

As a daughter of the industrial Midwest, the strong, hardworking city of Toledo, Ohio, I know firsthand how important a strong manufacturing sector is to American families and their communities.

It is for these workers, their forbearers and future generation of manufactures yet to come, that I am so pleased to author and introduce the bipartisan, bicameral Office of Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation Policy Act.

The global coronavirus pandemic exposed how vulnerable the United States has become as a result of over-reliance on international supply chains. Yet these lessons provide opportunity in both economic recovery and to reposition American manufacturing for long-term prosperity. To do this, we need an Office at the highest level to coordinate, strengthen, and rebuild America's manufacturing leadership. The Office of Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation Policy Act provides this opportunity.

This legislation will create within the Executive Office of the President (EOP) an Office of Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation (OMII) to elevate and coordinate manufacturing and industrial innovation policy. The Office will synthesize information from inter and intra governmental engagements, as well as advice from the manufacturing sector, including small businesses, labor unions, academics, and nongovernmental bodies.

This bipartisan legislation will elevate focus to address critical challenges facing the American manufacturing industry, establish key agency coordination and cross-administration management efforts to ensure global leadership in manufacturing and trade, improve workforce development and job creation for the future, enhance research and development, and develop a long-term strategy to ensure the growth and national security of the U.S. manufacturing industry, workforce, and economy. In summary, provisions included in each of the titles establish the following initiatives:

Title I. Establishes Policy and Priority Objectives for U.S. Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation: lays out goals to promote a thriving

manufacturing and industrial sector, enhanced and fortified by coordinated efforts to address the enumerated policies and priorities, focused through comprehensive strategy implemented at the highest-level.

Title II. Entities to Advance a Cohesive U.S. Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation Agenda Creates The Office of Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation Policy, modeled on the Executive Office of Science and Technology Policy, to provide manufacturing and industrial perspective and advice to the President, and provide a comprehensive survey and cross administration management of efforts to ensure global leadership in manufacturing critical to the long-term health and national security of the United States.

A Chief Manufacturing Officer (CMO) will serve as Director of OMII and advisor to the President. The CMO will lead coordination of manufacturing and industrial innovation initiatives across the federal Government and work with representatives in State and local government, labor, non-governmental groups, and private business to develop and implement enhanced coordination of manufacturing policy.

OMII will develop and update a National Strategic Plan, quadrennially, with short and long-term goals to ensure American leadership in manufacturing.

Title III. Establishes the President's Committee on Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation, comprised of representatives from the business, consumer, defense, public interest, and labor sectors to analyze the landscape of manufacturing efforts and activities in America. The Committee will be apportioned by the President and report on the state of manufacturing and provide recommendations to strengthen the sector through federal policies and initiatives.

Title IV. Establishes the Federal Strategy and Coordinating Council on Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation, chaired by the President, to coordinate manufacturing and industrial innovation policy. The Council will convene the heads of various executive agencies—including Secretaries of Commerce, Labor, HHS, DOD, and Energy—to establish national priorities and coordinated strategies for manufacturing and industrial innovation policy and investment.

Title V. Establishes a Federally Funded Research & Development Center: The Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation Policy Institute to gather, analyze, initiate studies, and assist the federal government on issues and concerns related to American manufacturing and industrial innovation. The National Institute of Standards and Technology will sponsor the Institute.

Title VI. Creates a National Medal of Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation to recognize outstanding contributions to knowledge in manufacturing and industrial innovation.

Title VII. Appropriations: authorizes sums as needed, but specifies \$5 million per title for the first year for Title 2, Title 3, Title 4, Title 5.

America's manufacturing legacy is one of prosperity and progress. This Office provides the opportunity to once again prioritize U.S. manufacturing and industrial innovation to support job creation and America's long-term economic strength.

Given the lofty efforts of this Office, the legislation earned endorsement of numerous groups, including: the Aerospace Industries

Association (AIA), the Alliance for American Manufacturing (AAM), the AFL-CIO, the American Mold Builders Association (AMBA), the American Small Manufacturers Coalition (ASMC), the Association for Manufacturing Technology (AMT), the Can Manufacturers Institute (CMI), the Industrial Fasteners Institute (IFI), the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM), the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE), the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF), the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA), the National Association of Manufacturing (NAM), the National Tooling and Machining Association (NTMA), the Precision Metaforming Association (PMA), the Precision Machined Products Association (PMPA), the State Science & Technology Institute (SSTI), the International Union of United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW), and the United Steel Workers (USW).

Here is a glimpse of what the groups and experts across the country have to say about the importance of this effort:

The U.S. has seen massive supply chain disruptions due to COVID-19, which have required small manufacturers to rapidly reinvent both their products and their services. Representative Kaptur and Senator Klobuchar understand the challenges facing American manufacturers and have demonstrated long standing support for this critical industry, said Chuck Spangler, board chair of the American Small Manufacturers Coalition (ASMC) and president of the South Carolina Manufacturing Extension Partnership. "We at ASMC thank them for their leadership and we look forward to working with them in the future."

The COVID pandemic laid bare what many of us have been saying for years—the United States is long overdue for a comprehensive, national manufacturing and innovation strategy. The foundation laid in this bipartisan bill to create an Office of Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation Policy and a federal plan for manufacturing will go a long way to making that a reality. The AFL-CIO is proud to endorse this important bill. Brad Markell, Executive Director AFL-CIO Industrial Union Council

The decisions made by every federal department affects manufacturers, often with unintended consequences. The Office of Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation Policy Act will help make sure small and medium sized manufacturers have a strong voice within the federal government and help agencies coordinate policies that encourage domestic manufacturing. Precision Machined Products Association

The Machinists Union applauds Senatorslobuchar, Wicker, Coons, and Portman, and Representative Kaptur and Representative Fitzpatrick for not only recognizing the critical importance of the U.S. manufacturing industry, but for also proposing long awaited legislation that will rebuild U.S. manufacturing for a sustainable future. The bipartisan Office of Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation Policy Act places a priority on creating the kind of high wage jobs that American workers and our economy need now and for future generations. International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers—International President Robert Martinez Jr.

The bipartisan Office of Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation Policy Act is a critical step toward establishing an effective national industrial strategy that would benefit